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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9, 11, 14-18 and 28-33 were pending in the application prior to the current response. Claims 14-18 and 28-33 have been canceled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer with respect to applicants' right to re-present some or all of these claims in a continuing application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9 and 11 remain in the application unchanged by this response. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

Claims 14-18 and 28-33 stand rejected on various prior art grounds as set forth in the final Office action mailed July 1, 2004. In paragraph 4 of the final Office action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9 and 11 are allowed. Claims 14-18 and 28-33 have been canceled herein; accordingly, only allowed claims 1, 2, 4 7-9 and 11 remain pending in the application.

In view of the above, all of the claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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